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INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP PROGRAM SEEKS VOLUNTEERS

MISSOULA --

The Missoula International Friendship Program is seeking community volunteers to befriend University of Montana international students and help them become better acquainted with American life.

The program links local residents with English-speaking foreign students for periodic get-togethers. Students do not stay in their Community Friends' homes. Throughout the program, students and Community Friends learn about each other's culture while sharing leisure time and family activities. Group events are held several times each year for MIFP participants.

Interested area residents can learn more about the program by calling the UM Foreign Student Services Office, 243-2226, or by attending an orientation session from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 21, in the lower level of the Missoula Public Library. Residents should sign up by Friday, Sept. 23.

Volunteers are asked to commit to a full year of international friendship, visiting with their students at least once per month.

About 100 new international students are enrolled at UM this fall, bringing the total population of foreign students to about 550 individuals from about 60 countries. Local residents who are interested in a specific country can request a friendship match with a student from that nation.

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